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**HOUSE  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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*Introduced by: Tyler*

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A RESOLUTION honoring Mitchell Johnson and Barb Cox.

*Whereas, The Special Olympics is an international, nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering individuals with intellectual disabilities to become physically fit, productive, and respected members of society through sports training and competition;*

*Whereas, the Special Olympics serves more than 2.25 million people with intellectual disabilities in more than 160 countries;*

*Whereas, Special Olympics Indiana provides year-round*

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*sports training and athletic competition in more than 21 sports, reaching nearly 12,000 athletes throughout the state;*

*Whereas, One of the athletes served by Special Olympics Indiana is Mitchell Johnson;*

*Whereas, Mitchell Johnson is a 19-year-old Muncie Central High School graduate who competed on the Muncie Central swim team;*

*Whereas, Mitchell Johnson is a talented swimmer and has won several gold medals in state level Special Olympic competitions and participated in the first Special Olympics National Games in Ames, Iowa, where he won a gold medal in each of his three events;*

*Whereas, Mitchell Johnson was selected as one of seven athletes from Indiana, and one of two swimmers, to be part of Team USA participating in the 2007 Special Olympics World Games in Shanghai, China;*

*Whereas, Behind each gifted athlete is, of course, a dedicated coach;*

*Whereas, Barb Cox is Mitchell Johnson's dedicated coach;*

*Whereas, Barb Cox has been Mitchell's swimming coach for five years and will now begin coaching him in basketball as well;*

*Whereas, Barb Cox is involved in all aspects of the Delaware County Special Olympics, doing whatever is necessary to keep the program running smoothly, including driving a bus, coaching, fund raising, or washing laundry; and*

*Whereas, Mitchell Johnson and Barb Cox are shining examples of dedication to a goal and hard work; Hoosiers like Mitchell and Barb help make Indiana great: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*



1           SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives  
2 congratulates Mitchell Johnson on his many accomplishments both in  
3 the Special Olympics and elsewhere, and wishes him well in the 2007  
4 Special Olympics World Games. The Indiana House of Representatives  
5 also expresses its appreciation and gratitude to Barb Cox for her hours  
6 of dedicated service to Special Olympics Indiana and Mitchell Johnson.

7           SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
8 Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Mitchell  
9 Johnson and his family and Barb Cox and her family.

